


# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
Int. Cl. <sup>7</sup> : A61F 2/24		
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) DWPI and keywords: heart and valve and leaf and rotate and similar terms.		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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X	US 5197980 A (GORSHKOV et al.) 30 March 1993 Column 5 lines 35 to 40	1-5,10,11, 13-24,27,28
X	WO 2001/034068 A1 (IMPISA INTERNATIONAL INC.) 17 May 2001 Page 6 line 15 to page 7 line 6	1-5,13-20, 22-24,27,28
X	US 5861029 A (EVDOKIMOV et al.) 19 January 1999 Column 7 line 59 to column 8 line 2	1-5,10,11, 13-24,27,28
X	US 5002567 A (BONA et al.) 26 March 1991 Column 4 line 35 to column 5 line 19	1-5,10,11, 13-20,22-24, 27,28
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US	5197980	NONE		
WO	0134068	AU	10688/00	US 6723123
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